investments, so as to help maintain a viable balance of payments position and an adequate level of foreign exchange reserves.

Insurance scheme for persons affected by natural calamities

†2521. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any insurance scheme has been formulated by Government to provide insurance protection to the poor people who have lost their families/ business by the disastrous natural calamities like flood and cyclone;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is implementing an insurance scheme called "Janashree Bima Yojana" which provides life insurance protection to rural and urban people below the poverty line and also marginally above the poverty line against natural deaths including deaths due to natural calamities and death and disability due to accident. Similarly, there are various insurance schemes, operated by the four nationalised general insurance companies, which provide protection to poor people and their property against unexpected accidental losses due to natural calamities. Some of these schemes are as under:—

1. Handloom Weavers Package Policy
2. Handicraft Artisans Package Insurance Policy
3. Schemes for Cattle Insurance
4. Janata Personal Accident Insurance Policy
5. Plantation Insurance
6. Gramin Accident Policy
7. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme
8. Janata Cancer & Accident Policy
9. Kamdhenu Insurance Scheme
10. Rajrajeshwari Mahila Kalyan Bima Yojana
11. Bhagyashree Child Welfare Scheme

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